

USDA Commodity Food Fact Sheet for Schools & Child Nutrition Institutions

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A939 – BEANS, PINK, DRY, WHOLE, 25 LB



Nutrition Information

Pink beans, mature seeds, cooked, without salt

CATEGORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meat/Meat Alternates or Vegetables/Fruits
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry pink beans are grade U.S. No. 1.
PACK/YIELD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 lb bag. One 25 lb bag AP yields about 56¼ cups dry pink beans and provides about 482.5 ¼-cup servings cooked, drained pink beans OR about 241.2 ½-cup servings cooked, drained pink beans. One lb AP yields 1 lb (about 2¼ cups) dry pink beans and provides about 19.3 ¼-cup servings cooked, drained pink beans OR about 9.65 ½-cup servings cooked, drained pink beans. CN Crediting: ¼ cup cooked, drained pink beans provides 1 oz-equivalent meat/meat alternate OR ¼ cup cooked, drained pink beans provides ¼ cup vegetable BUT NOT both components at the same meal.
STORAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Store dry pink beans off the floor in a cool, dry place. High temperatures cause dry beans to harden and high humidity causes mold. Store cooked pink beans covered and labeled in a dated nonmetallic container under refrigeration. Use First-In-First-Out (FIFO) storage practices to ensure use of older product first.

	¼ cup (42 g)	½ cup (85 g)
Calories	63	126
Protein	3.83 g	7.66 g
Carbohydrate	11.79 g	23.58 g
Dietary Fiber	2.2 g	4.5 g
Sugars	0.16 g	0.31 g
Total Fat	0.21 g	0.41 g
Saturated Fat	0.05 g	0.11 g
Trans Fat	0 g	0 g
Cholesterol	0 mg	0 mg
Iron	0.97 mg	1.94 mg
Calcium	22 mg	44 mg
Sodium	1 mg	2 mg
Magnesium	27 mg	55 mg
Potassium	215 mg	429 mg
Vitamin A	0 IU	0 IU
Vitamin A	0 RAE	0 RAE
Vitamin C	0 mg	0 mg
Vitamin E	0.43 mg	0.86 mg

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USES AND TIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use cooked dry beans in soups, salads, entrees, or recipes. Serve one variety of beans alone or in combination with others. Cook beans with meats or other vegetables.
FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visually inspect for presence of foreign substances, insects, or mold before use.
BEST IF USED BY GUIDANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For guidance on how to effectively manage, store, and maintain USDA commodities, please visit the FDD Website at: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/facts/biubguidance.htm. For additional information on product dating, go to page 6 of <i>Choice Plus Food Safety Supplement</i> at: http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/choice-plus-food-safety-supplement.pdf.